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I read a story recently about Bryan Greiss of Bakersfield Calif. In 1993 Bryan Greiss was a high school senior and a member of the Clovis High School tennis team. On a road trip to Bakersfield for a tennis tournament, Bryan and his teammates stayed at the Red Lion Inn. It was there back in 1993 that Bryan inadvertently and unknowingly left his High School class ring. 15 years later in June of this year, Bryan walked into the Wells Fargo bank of Bakersfield to deposit a check. As the bank manager Janice Blackburn passed by the teller window she noticed the name Bryan Greiss on the deposit slip. She began to question

I. The Condition of the Man - We find in verse 1 this blind man sitting on the road side. And Jesus sees him. He <sup>Jesus but Jesus</sup> may not see

A. A Condition of Blindness - This man lived in a state of darkness, every moment was an unfamiliar, uncertain moment. The other night I was walking down the hall in the dark, Allison turned on the light I was huddled up on the wall looking for light switch.

The Bible likens our spiritual condition to Christ as

B. A Condition from Birth - This man was this way from birth. He had never seen the face of his mother, the smile

never seen the beauty of sunrise or sunset. This also meant that he was impoverished he was a beggar. He could not word or produce (You know me a born in our sinful condition? Rom 5:12). Also this condition from birth drew a question out of the disciples, vs 2 -

They quickly and wrongly deduced that this is the result of some sin. Jesus corrects them vs 3-5. This sad condition is for the glory of God. Better watch these TV preachers that say because of sin this or that has happened, it may

## II. The Contact With the Messiah

When the light of the world comes in contact with the darkness of man, something wonderful happens

### A. He Allows Jesus to Work - vs 6.

Jesus spits and puts mud in the eye of the man. Where did he come from a fight just broke out. This is humiliating. Can you imagine what all has been done cruelly to this man? Yet for whatever reason He allows Jesus to work.

James 4:10. Allow God to show you your sin. Resist not

### B. He Acts Upon Jesus Word - vs 7a

Go and wash. Jesus gave him a command to go and wash. In order to gain His sight he must obey. John 1:8 threatens Judgment upon those that obey not the gospel. Obey? yes! Jesus came preaching "Repent and believe. This is a step of faith in believing his word. Will you act?"

### C. He is Awakened to a New World

- 1) ...She began to question Bryon about where he was from, what high school he went to, what sports he, played... Come to find out 15 years earlier, Janice' father Ronald Schooner found the ring and was determined to return it to the rightful owner. Upon his death, the ring was found by Janice among Ronald's personal belongings and Janice' mother filled in the details concerning the ring. So from a changed meeting, a providential intersection of lives this precious lost memento was returned to it's rightful owner. In our text today there is much more gained by this blind man than a ring by this providential passing of Jesus. Instead of an accessory, he gained his sight, instead of gold he gained his gaze, instead of a vintage ring, he had his vision restored. I want all of us to know that this morning Jesus is passing by and he can still open our eyes blinded by sin and shame. I want to show you some things from this story...
- 2) 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- 3) ...it may be for the glory of God! Our extremity is God opportunity!
- 4) James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

1) She began to question Byron about where he was from, what high school he went to, what sports he played... Come to find out 12 years earlier, Janice's father Ronald Schooner found the ring and was determined to return it to the right owner. Upon his death, the ring was found by Janice among Ronald's personal belongings and Janice's mother filled in the details concerning the ring. So from a changed meeting, a providential intersection of lives this precious lost memento was returned to its rightful owner. In our text today there is much more gained by

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**2) ...begger telling another begger where he found bread! Oh no the old story will never grow old, how Jesus died to save my soul! What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart!**

3) ...it may be for the glory of God. Our extremity is God's opportunity!  
4) James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

This trip to the pool of Silsiam was probably difficult and humiliating but yet it was effective it produced a life changing event in his life. If you are going to be healed of your sin sick condition you must hang your head in shame over sin and come to Jesus in <sup>Repentance</sup>

### III. The Questioning of the Multitude

You can imagine the stir around town. Just a few hours ago this man sat hopeless and now he is born.

A. He Identified Himself - vs 9 There was such a miraculous change in this man that many of those that even saw him every day did not recognize him. J Cor 5:17 <sup>(1)</sup>

I was talking to my Sunday school teacher years after I was saved. He said I had such a rotten attitude and disrespectful personality. <sup>college. But what a wonderful change</sup> they were glad when I went to

B. He Glorified the Saviour - When asked about the how of this miracle. He didn't say, "I had hiproscopic surgery" + I read 17 steps to regaining sight by Rahlfs Phil. No! The cry of an infant child of God. I met a man named Jesus! He did this for me! Let's not over complicate evangelism, let's be happy to tell

C. He Testified to the Situation -

The people brought him before the religious leaders in verse 13. An uproar started. They didn't want this Jesus to get the Glory. The man said he was a prophet, <sup>they said</sup> a called man and dad. They saw ask him. vs 25 This man I don't

Know what you think but I may know now I see proofs

#### IV. The Confronting of the Master

Vs 34 They ~~threw~~ threw him out. Verse Vs 35. Jesus heard. Christ when you are persecuted He hears

A. A Question of His Being<sup>Vs 35</sup> This man believed put his trust in Jesus when the stumbled his way to the pool of Salome.

So what is this scene about here. Jesus is not only healer + prophet he is Messiah he is God! He is asking do you believe That God is come in flesh. He did as Jews do today

B. A Question of Believing<sup>Vs 35-37</sup> - Let's go further would you believe that Jesus is that Son of God that messiah having like power and status w/ the father. You see Jesus is confronting this man with full revelation. I didn't know

whole lot when I came to Jesus, later I grew

C. A Question of Bowing<sup>Vs 37-38</sup> - Once we realize who he is and the position that he ought to have as complete Lord and Master of our lives we are to bow to him in thanksgiving and respect for who he is. He becomes Lord and God over our lives. Author "A man's god is that which he thinks to be"

V. Closing - Jesus by his Spirit and thus his gospel is passing by. "Wilt thou be made whole?" Obey the gospel, repent of your sin, cast yourself in faith upon his mercy. Is he Lord

1) ...later I grew to learn that he is not only my Saviour but my Master, my Teacher, my Leader, my Comfort, my Hope... I believed more about Him and who he is.

2) ...thinks to be most important in his life. His god is that to which he is prepared to give his whole time, his whole thought, his whole strength" to.